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HOLBEIN'S 22-HOUR SWIM
He Estimates That He Made 25,000 Strokes
Trying to Cross the Channel.
Special Cable Transmittal to THE SUN.
LONDON, Aug. 30. Montagu Holbein, almost successful attempt to swim the Channel from Cape Grisnez to Dover, who stayed in the water 22 hours and 21 minutes and got within half a mile of shore.

opinion especially among Channel pilots is that Holbein added immensely to the difficulties of his task by selecting course from France to England. The currents mostly set in toward the French coast, as is proved by the fact that wrecks generally drifts there rather than the English side. With the conditions favorable as they were, the opinion is that he would have succeeded if he had followed the course taken by Capt. Webb.

Holbein himself is almost converted to the latter opinion. He is wonderfully

after the severe strain. Beyond a stiffness of the arms, shoulders and legs, a sore throat and mouth caused by swallowing sea water, he feels little wear for his experience. After a temporary collapse when he was taken out of water, he walked the length of the pier with the assistance of the arm of a friend on either side. Capt. Webb, after a swim, waded out and walked on the beach without assistance.

In describing his swim Holbein said that for the most part of the time his

was a blank, as he tried not to think anything. He calculates that he made 25 strokes in his swim across the Channel and this fully accounts for the stiffness of his limbs. He says that he had the greatest hopes of succeeding when he was a half mile from the shore of St. Margaret Bay, but the western tide was very strong and set him out again.

The president of the Swimming Club who was in a tug, discovered that Holbrook was in a current which in his feeble condition would be sufficient to drown him.

Replied to a question which was debated on the tug and in Dover, whether during the last hour or two alcoholic stimulants would not have been advantageous to him, he said that he did not believe they would.

"My own experience has proved that point," he says. "The only exception I have made is about ten minutes before the end of an especially big feat of endurance, such as twenty-four hours of cycling."

Neely Coming Here From Havana.
Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Squires, the wife of the American Consul-General, Secretary, Terry, the former Secretary of Agriculture, who resigned a few days ago, at C. F. W. Neely, who was convicted of political frauds here but was afterward released under the amnesty proclamation, said

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